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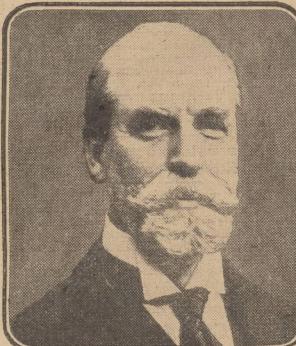
## ACTION FROM U.S.A.?



President Harding, who is understood to be contemplating intervention.



Mr. Harvey, American Ambassador to Great Britain, in consultation.



Mr. Charles E. Hughes, the American Secretary of State.

On hearing of the final disagreement at the Paris Conference, President Harding cancelled all engagements and entered into conference with Mr. Hughes and Mr. Harvey regarding the newly-developed crisis in European affairs. It is reported that the British and French Ambassadors in Washington were also consulted by the President. It is believed that there will be prompt American action.

## REPRIEVE REFUSED



Mrs. Edith Thompson.



Frederick Bywaters.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the Home Secretary, has found himself unable to advise the King to reprieve Frederick Bywaters and Mrs. Edith Thompson, now lying under sentence of death for the murder of the latter's husband. They will accordingly be executed at Pentonville and Holloway Prisons respectively, probably on Tuesday next.

## "DAILY MIRROR" READERS' READY HELP FOR POOR DOG-LOVERS WHO CANNOT PAY FOR A LICENCE



Mr. A. E. Jeal's terrier Rosie with a little friend who dreads a parting.

Pip, saved for his master by timely aid from *Daily Mirror* readers.

Mr. C. Jackson, of Deptford, with the dog he bought for twopence four years ago.

Quick and generous has been the response of *Daily Mirror* readers to the pleas of poor dog owners unable in these difficult times to meet the cost of a licence. Dozens of letters

arrive by every post with offers of assistance, and each one will bring relief and happiness to some humble home.

# NO REPIEVE FOR MRS. THOMPSON OR FREDERICK BYWATERS

Home Secretary "Unable to Interfere."

## LOVERS TO DIE.

Executions at London Gaols on Tuesday Morning.

Refusal by the Home Secretary (Mr. W. C. Bridgeman) of a reprieve for either of the Ilford murderers was officially announced yesterday in the following statement:

The Secretary of State, after careful consideration of all the circumstances, is unable to advise interference with the due course of the law in the cases of Frederick Edward Francis Bywaters and Edith Jessie Thompson, who were convicted of the murder of Percy Thompson.

The executions will accordingly be carried out on Tuesday at 9 a.m. Bywaters is to be hanged at Pentonville and Mrs. Thompson at Holloway.

## SOLICITOR SURPRISED.

Mrs. Thompson First Woman To Be Hanged for Over Fifteen Years.

The Home Secretary's decision means that on Tuesday Mrs. Thompson will be the first woman to suffer the extreme penalty of the law since Mrs. Rhoda Willis, baby farmer and murderer, was hanged at Cardiff in August, 1907.

"I'm very much surprised I cannot see that there was any direct evidence against Mrs. Thompson that participated in the crime. Everything possible was for her."

This was the comment of Mr. F. A. S. Stern, the solicitor who arranged the defence of Mrs. Thompson, when he learned that the Home Secretary had refused a reprieve to either the woman or her lover.

Interviewed by *The Daily Mirror*, Mr. Stern added: "I can see no evidence that Mrs. Thompson took any part in the murder or had any knowledge of what occurred on the fatal night."

"I have the satisfaction, however, that I know that everything that was possible has been done on her behalf."

Mr. Stern added that when he saw Mrs. Thompson a few days ago she seemed perfectly resigned to her fate, but at the same time she was hopeful that she would be reprieved.

Few crimes have aroused such widespread interest in the present generation as the Ilford murder.

### THE DOMINANT PARTNER.

Immediately after Bywaters lost his appeal a mammoth petition was organised. It was signed by nearly 800,000 people.

No such petition, however, was made on behalf of Mrs. Thompson.

It was early in December that she and her young son stood side by side in the dock at the Old Bailey, charged with the murder of Percy Thompson, the woman's husband.

There was never any doubt that it was Bywaters who stabbed Mr. Thompson to death. He admitted the fact, but declared that the blows were struck in self-defence.

The basis of the charge against Mrs. Thompson was that she was the dominant partner in the crime.

Numerous letters which she had written to Bywaters from time to time convinced Mr. Justice Sherman and the jury, which included a woman, that she was equally guilty with Bywaters.

The couple were sentenced to death on December 11 after a trial lasting five days. Their appeal was heard and dismissed by the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Darling and Mr. Justice Salter.

## £800,000 IN COFFIN?

Rumoured Burial of Russian Crown Jewels in New York.

WASHINGTON, Friday.  
The Treasury Department are investigating a rumour that Russian crown jewels valued at £4,000,000 (dol. £800,000) were smuggled into the States in a coffin containing a sailor who was afterwards buried at Cypress Hills, Long Island.

It is expected that the grave will be opened.—Central News.

## TRAIN FERRY TO ZEEBRUGGE.

Another stage in the promotion of the scheme to establish an express train ferry service between Harwich and Zeebrugge was reached yesterday, when M. Roby, the Belgian deputy, arrived in London.

The company running the service, which is to get the support of the Belgian State Railways and the London and North-Eastern Railway, has a capital of about £400,000. A new jetty will be built at Zeebrugge will take at least six months to finish.

## BOY ADVENTURERS.

Why Sixteen - Year - Olds Knock Furniture About.

## THE GANG SPIRIT.

Why a boy of sixteen is so often a hobbled-hoy was explained to a meeting of the Geographical Association at Birkbeck College yesterday by Dr. Olive Wheeler.

His growth, she said, was so rapid in the period of adolescence that for the moment he was unable to guide the tremendous increase in his physical bulk.

As a result he could not meet the emergencies of an ordinary drawing-room tea, but knocked the furniture about and spilled the tea.

During the period of adolescence there was practically a re-birth of the personality. The religious emotions were suppressed, and this was the reason that boys often went about in gangs in search of adventure.

That gang spirit, although it often led boys into mischief, was an evidence of a broadening social outlook.

There is no subject more distressing to a teacher than mental defect," said Professor E. W. McBride at the Conference of Educational Associations.

"There is only one remedy," he concluded, amid applause, "and that is the ruthless sterilisation of the mentally defective so that they might not be able to hand on these defects."

## THE PRINCE OF WALES.

No Foundation for Announcement of Engagement to Scottish Lady.

The following official statement was issued yesterday by York House, St. James's Park:

"The announcement made in a London daily paper this morning to the effect that the engagement of the Prince of Wales to the daughter of a Scottish peer would be officially made public in a short time is as devoid of foundation as was the previous statement by the same journal as to the engagement of his Royal Highness to a foreign princess."

The report did not appear in *The Daily Mirror*.

## TRAINS IN COLLISION.

Ilford Mishap—Midland Passengers Get Out and Walk.

A slight mishap, it was officially stated yesterday, occurred on the Great Eastern line between Ilford and Seven Kings stations during a thick fog on the previous night. The 10.55 passenger train from Ilford to Woodford collided with the rear of the 10.30 train from Liverpool-street to Gidea Park.

Most of the passengers complained of slight shock and injury, but none was detained.

The engine of a goods train on the London and North-Western Railway near Dudley Port became derailed yesterday morning, and express traffic between Birmingham and the North was for a time held up. Passengers on trains from Wolverhampton had to walk to Dudley.

## CHINAMAN EXECUTED.

Stoical Survey of Scaffold Before Paying Penalty of Crime.

Lee Doon, twenty-seven, the Chinese laundryman who was convicted of the murder of his employer, Sing Lee, of Crooks, Sheffield, was executed yesterday morning at Armley Gaol, Leeds.

At the subsequent inquest it was stated that Lee Doon met his fate with the stoical indifference of his race.

A Christian convert, he accepted the ministrations of the Church of England chaplain through the medium of a Chinese man who acted as interpreter.

After passing a good night, Lee Doon awoke early yesterday, enjoyed a hearty breakfast, and smoked many cigarettes.

When the hood was lowered for the execution Pierpoint and his assistant entered the cell and pined Lee Doon's arms.

Although escorted by warders, the Chinaman walked calmly and unaided to the scaffold, some fifteen yards away.

He glanced unconcernedly at the officials who surrounded him as he left the cell, and when he entered the shed in which the scaffold was erected he sat down at the beam and rope, then the trap door was suddenly calmly adjusted his feet on the spot marked dead.

In three seconds he was dead.

A large crowd of people stood for two hours at the gate of the gaol until the police admitted them to read the official notices.

Several rods to the gaol in motor-cars, and one man was accompanied by two little girls, aged about eight.

## POISONED COCOA.

5,250 Cups Needed to Make a Fatal Dose.

## SUMMONS WITHDRAWN.

That a person would have to take 5,250 cups to get a fatal dose was stated at Guildford yesterday, when the Nestle's and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company were summoned for selling cocoa adulterated with arsenic to the extent of one-fiftieth of a grain per pound.

Mr. Lane, prosecuting, said the cocoa was sold at Witney. The analyst certified that the cocoa in question contained arsenic to the extent of one-fiftieth of a grain per lb. packet, only one-hundredth being allowed.

It transpired on inquiry that the cocoa in question was manufactured by the Hayes Cocoa Company, Ltd., and was sold under a warranty. The Hayes Company had caused most careful inquiries to be made, and found the arsenic was attributable to carbonate of potash used in solubilising the cocoa.

All the cocoa in the batch had been withdrawn by the Nestle Company. In the circumstances, said Mr. Lane, he would consent to the summons being withdrawn.

To this course the Bench consented.

## BRITAIN ALL ALONE.

Is There a Way Out of the Reparations Deadlock?

Mr. Lovat Fraser contributes an interesting article, "Britain All Alone," on the subject of reparations in to-morrow's *Sunday Pictorial*.

Mr. Bonar Law, he writes, has sincerely tried to interpret the wishes of the nation, while M. Poincaré has put the case for France as he believes, according to the sentiment of the French people.

Is there a way out agreeable to both countries?

Mr. Fraser believes that the Entente will not be damaged by the present difference, and his views on the difficult problem of reparations are interesting and instructive.

## TAXICAB OVER AREA.

Crash Through Railings After a Skid in Park-Lane—Passenger Hurt.

As a taxicab was turning from Park-lane into Hereford-street, W., yesterday, it skidded, crashed through some railings, and remained suspended above the area of a house.

The right front of the taxicab was stowed in and all the glass smashed.

The passenger, a middle-aged man, was badly cut on hands and face, and was taken to St. George's Hospital. The driver escaped injury.

## BIG COCAINE HAUL.

Five Ounces of Crude Drug Said To Have Been Found on Man.

That he had five ounces of crude cocaine in his possession when arrested was alleged against Cyril Goode, of Coventry, remanded at Stoke-on-Trent yesterday on a charge of supplying the drug to Chung Chu, a Chinaman.

The Chief Constable said he believed that Goode was a established agent of German extraction, well known to the Coventry police. He also believed he had been paying systematic visits to the Continent and bringing back the drug.

When arrested, it was stated, Goode said: "I have not been trafficking in cocaine. I sent a lot to Chung Chu, but I never was paid for it. I got it from Ostend, but I don't know whom I got it from."

## HEREFORD TRAGEDY.

Man Committed on Charge of Double Murder of Women.

Charged with the murder of Wimifred Buckridge, his wife, and Wilhelmina Eliza Sainsbury, her foster-mother, at Penbridge, George Vincent Buckridge was at Kington yesterday committed for trial.

Mr. Gerald Paling, appearing for the Public Prosecutor, said that at a later date he would be able to produce a well-established motive for the alleged murder.

## AIRMEN'S BODIES FOUND.

Broken Aeroplane Unearthed by Workmen in War Area.

While repairing the railway station at Avon, Pas de Calais, says Reuter, some workmen discovered the debris of an aeroplane and the bodies of two men.

It was believed that one of the men was a Canadian and the other a Scots officer.

The skeleton of an R.A.F. officer was recently found in the Forest of Herbitzheim, Lorraine. It was not identified.

## DOGS SAVED FOR POOR OWNERS.

Quick Response to Pleas in "Daily Mirror."

## SHOAL OF LETTERS.

Offers from All Over Land to Pay for Licences.

Poor people who, unable to afford to renew their dog licences, appealed to *The Daily Mirror* that they may not be parted from their pets have not pleaded in vain.

Dozens of letters are reaching this office by every post, from readers in all parts of the country offering to provide the £1,000, which will bring joy to countless homes. Below a selection is given from other touching letters from those who fear that they may lose their dogs, who, in many cases, are their only friends in the world.

Names and addresses of the writers are in the possession of *The Daily Mirror*.

## LOVED PETS.

Many Cases of Poor Who Wish to Keep Dogs in Memory of Dead.

"We were just wondering what we could do to renew our dog's licence. We will give up our minds to look him in the back bedroom for a while and to say we had parted with him."

Written a distressed mother, whose husband is out of work to the Canine Defence League.

When she heard of the league, her hope revived that the little dog, which was given her by her son five years ago, might still remain with her and her husband.

Her letter is one of many received at the office of the league. Stories of self-sacrifice and privation reveal themselves in each letter, and they illustrate how real is the love of the poor man for his dog.

A widow, who supports four little children on the small sum of £15s. per week, appeals for the pet which belonged to her dead husband, and adds: "His last words were: 'Don't get rid of poor Nigger, even if you have to sell something.'

Another case is that of a woman old-age pensioner, whose husband died a year ago, and who is absolutely alone in the world save for her dog.

"HEARS" FOR DEAF WOMAN.

The animal was her husband's pet, and, despite poverty and ill-health (she has been a complete invalid for over a year), she is determined, if possible, to cling desperately to this last link between herself and those who, during their lifetime, were nearest to her.

Another of age pensioner (man), who is seeing his last days, is an applicant. He lives quite alone, and has no money other than his pension. His letter closes on a wistful note with this wish: "My dog and I should so much like to get his licence renewed."

Unemployment is the cause of a letter from a man of fifty-five. He has managed to keep his pet for nine years, but now the struggle to do so is becoming too great for him.

A woman, whose son died in 1917, kept the dog which belonged to her brother-in-law, who was killed in France, writes to ask that the animal held so dear by his dead master may be spared to her.

One of the most touching letters is from a woman who is a sufferer from deafness. She says that her dog is of great assistance "to help me hear knocks at the street door, as I am so very deaf."

## OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF.

Lighting-up time to-day is 5.4 p.m.

Eight lives a week were saved last year by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Newcastle By-Election.—Nominations will be received on Tuesday January 17; polling will take place on January 18.

Princess Victoria.—The improvement in the condition of Princess Victoria was maintained yesterday.

Visitors to Germany may now take 200,000 marks across the frontier without permission instead of 20,000 marks.

Organist at Twelve.—Charles Wheeler, aged twelve, of Bramley (Surrey), has been appointed organist at Graham Church.

Chances for 25,000.—Canada has approved the Salvation Army plan for the settlement of 25,000 young women, youths and children in Canada.

Whirled to Death.—Caught in roller flour mills at Waddell's (Jamb) while placing a belt on shafting, John Botherway, seventy-two, was whirled to death.

Grandfather for Trial.—Charles Cousins Hare, sixty, was sent for trial at Sheerness yesterday on a charge of the murder of his grandson, Herbert Scott, aged thirteen months.

Gaoi for Income Tax.—A number of miners were committed to prison yesterday at Bedlington (Northumberland) for non-payment of income tax, and the commitments were held over for a month.

# FRENCH ARMY ON THE RHINE HELD IN READINESS

Ultimatum to Germany the Next Step—Action If Guarantees Are Refused.

## PREMIER LEAVES PARIS: COMING CABINET

British Army of Occupation Not To Be Withdrawn—Fall of Francs and Marks.

Directly the Paris Conference broke up, French troops on the Rhine were ordered to hold themselves in readiness for all eventualities.

France, it is expected, will now act alone. After January 15 she will present an ultimatum to Germany, and if Berlin refuses the guarantees asked for then military action will be taken.

Mr. Bonar Law, when he left Paris for London yesterday, had a most cordial talk with M. Poincaré, to whom he remarked: "I hope with all my heart that you are right."

A meeting of the British Cabinet will be summoned later.

German marks reached a new low record at the opening yesterday, being (at 40,500 to the £) 170 a penny. The French franc fell to 66.35 to the £.

## ORDER TO FRENCH ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

All Men on Leave Recalled to Colours.

## ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY?

PARIS, Friday.

The Mayence correspondent of the *Journal* says that the progress of the Paris Conference was naturally followed with the keenest interest in the Rhine provinces, and in military circles, the usual precautions taken in the event of a crisis was adopted.

As soon as the news of the rupture was received General Headquarters gave orders for the troops to hold themselves in readiness for all eventualities. All men on leave have been recalled.—Reuter.

The Reparations Commission decided to-day to convene a meeting in the near future at which will be discussed the question of declaring Germany to be in default regarding her coal deliveries.

It is stated that Britain was represented at to-day's meeting, but not by Sir John Bradbury.—Central News.

## MARCH INTO GERMANY?

No Intention by Government to Bring Troops Home from Cologne.

By Our Political Correspondent.

In high official quarters in London last night the view was expressed that the only course that remains is for the French Government to go ahead with their own plan of action.

This provides for the dispatch of an immediate ultimatum to Germany, expiring at midnight on January 15, when an instalment of £25,000,000 is due on account of reparations.

If the payment is not forthcoming, the French Government, claiming the right under the Versailles Peace Treaty, will seize German guarantees, such as coal taxes in the Ruhr and Customs receipts.

If these guarantees are refused by Germany, military occupation of the districts of Essen and Bochum and part of the Ruhr basin will follow, and a Customs barrier will be set up in the occupied territories.

It was officially suggested yesterday that the British battalions should now be withdrawn from the Rhine, the argument being that the imposition of penalties by France removes the possibility of further German payments being received towards the cost of the armies of occupation.

No such action is contemplated by the Government. The British force under the Cologne command has been reduced approximately to 8,000 of all ranks, and their withdrawal would involve a separation from France which has never been entertained.

The Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces, Lieutenant-General Godley, is now in England on leave.

## SCHOOL FOR WIFE.

Girl Who Elopéd and Married at 12 Ordered Back to Classroom.

Twelve-year-old Mrs. Mildred Dillman has had her marriage to her thirty-year-old husband set aside by the Judge at Wabash, Ind., and has been ordered to resume attendance at school.

The officials say (according to the *Central News*) gives the child-by-the-hand treatment.

Miss Dillman told the Judge that she was attending school at the time her future husband enticed her to go to Michigan and be married last August.

## U.S.A. CONFERENCES ON PARIS BREAKDOWN.

Washington Favours Inquiry by Neutral Board.

## PRESIDENT CONSULTED.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

State Department officials deny positively the truth of the report that the U.S. at the request of Great Britain was going to call an International Congress to consider the reparations question.

Mr. Hughes' message from Washington says that the dissolution of the Paris Conference regarded in official circles as bringing the reparations crisis measurably nearer the point on which Mr. Hughes touched in his New Haven speech—namely, the selection of a competent non-partisan board to thresh out the matter.

High U.S. administrators, says the Exchange, regard the situation as the most serious since Versailles.

Mr. Harvey was closeted with President Hamilton of the day. The Administration of Senator's proposal for United States representation on the Reparations Commission should be dropped.

Mr. Baldwin, the British Chancellor, declined to comment upon the Paris collapse. However, Mr. Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, declared: "The breakdown must naturally affect the discussions here, because it will most certainly influence the economic recovery of Europe."

The following extract from the *New York World* is typical of American Press comment: "The British have gone home, leaving France to carry out her declared policy. A terrible responsibility rests on the French Government. It is committed to measures which, in the opinion of practically the whole of the neutral world, are dangerous, provocative and self-defeating."

## PREMIER'S RETURN.

Tells M. Poincaré: "Hope With All My Heart You Are Right."

PARIS, Friday.

The British delegates were seen off at the Gare du Nord by M. Poincaré, M. de Lastic, the Minister of Finance, and M. Reibel, Minister of the liberated regions.

The British and French Prime Ministers had ten minutes' animated conversation before the departure of the train.

During their talk, which was of a most cordial character, Mr. Bonar Law expressed to M. Poincaré his profound hope that the Entente would continue and would gather strength, notwithstanding the proceedings of the Conference.

It is believed that the relations between the two Prime Ministers will continue to be close enough to enable M. Poincaré to keep Mr. Bonar Law in touch with developments in Paris in the immediate future.—Reuter.

When M. Poincaré and Mr. Bonar Law were conversing at the railway station Mr. Bonar Law said: "I hope with all my heart that you are right."

There was a large crowd, but no manifestation was made. Many people shouted, "Vive Poincaré!" as he left the station.—Exchange.

## \$200,000 PICTURE DEAL.

NEW YORK, Friday.

Duveen, the well-known art dealers, are reported to have purchased fifteen paintings by Italian masters from the William Salomon collection, including examples of the work of Gentile Bellini and Baldovinetti.

The purchase price is stated to be 1,000,000 dollars. (\$200,000).—Central News.



Colonel 1900-1918  
Harold Simpson, the only survivor of the trawler Splendour, which has been sunk in the North Sea.

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## ARMED MAN GOES TO HOME OFFICE.

"Daily Mirror" Demonstrates Toy Pistol Peril.

### OFFICIAL'S TEST.

Authorities Chary to Discuss Public Danger.

An armed man entered Scotland Yard and the Home Office yesterday, unchallenged and unmolested.

He was a *Daily Mirror* representative carrying two "toy" pistols and a box of ammunition in his overcoat pocket.

Both the "toy" pistols were bought by this man at a London store as harmless playthings for children. One of them, after having the metal plug in the barrel removed, was muzzle-loaded, as an experiment, with a small piece of steel.

The pistol was also breech-loaded with one of the blank cartridges (sold with the toy), and the result was that the steel bullet penetrated a wad of paper nearly an inch thick at point-blank range.

In an attempt to demonstrate the danger of the weapon to the proper authorities, the *Daily Mirror* representative picked up the firearms department at Scotland Yard, and after having half an hour, was told that the Home Office was the responsible authority for administering the Firearms Act.

At the Home Office a messenger showed him to the Explosives Department.

There the presiding official loaded the pistol with a blank cartridge, fired it, and pronounced the ammunition safe.

### HEARD MUZZLED REPORT.

The messenger, however, had heard the muffled report behind a closed door, and when the representative was ushered into the passage with the smoking weapon in his hand, it was obvious that the messenger thought that murder had been committed.

With characteristic official delicacy and courtesy, nevertheless, he did not mention the matter, but ushered the armed man down the stairs, put him in charge of another messenger, and vanished.

After an interval of twenty minutes, an official advanced from a doorway.

"I have a couple of little pistols in my pocket," began *The Daily Mirror* representative. "They are very dangerous, and I thought you would like to see them."

### PUBLIC WELFARE.

Stepping back two paces the official protested that it was not an official thing to do, but the representative, drawing the shining barrel from his pocket, said: "It is in the public welfare."

"It is in the interests of the public welfare," he said, drawing back the trigger.

The determination to die heroically at his post evidently left the official at this desperate moment, for, with a "Good morning," he turned quickly and vanished through a door.

It is evident that the Home Office is unwilling to discuss the public danger of toy pistols.

### MILK PERILS.

Action to Stop Churns Being Emptied in the Streets.

Harrogate's medical officer of health proposes to banish milk-waiters, against local milk dealers detected in the practice of pouring milk from one churn to another in the open streets or leaving milk uncovered.

Names of such dealers will be removed from the register.

### MEXICAN SHOTS VICTIM.

Mr. Steabben's Career of Adventure All Over the World.

MEXICO CITY, Friday.

Mr. King, the British Consul-General, has opened an investigation into the fatal shooting of Mr. George Steabben, and there is a possibility that he may ask for the detention of General Villa. It is Colonel Lazcano, who were fighting in the street which resulted in Mr. Steabben's death through coming into the line of fire.—Reuter.

No news regarding the shooting has been received in official circles in London, but the attitude of the Mexican Government towards the status of foreign property is giving rise to considerable anxiety, and the British Government is likely to take steps in the immediate future to ensure the security of foreign interests in Mexico.

Mr. Steabben, who was fifty-three, and the son of Mr. G. Steabben, a well-known tradesman in St. Albans, had had an adventurous career.

He served in the South African War and later went on business to Buenos Aires and Barcelona. He leaves a widow, a son and three daughters.



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## KEEP TOGETHER!

It should be made clear that if the difference of view between England and France is complete and irretrievable on the question of reparation, the agreement continues between the two countries on all the other clauses of the Versailles Treaty.

SO much has recently been written about M. Poincaré's supposed intransigence in dealing with our country that we think it just to him to insist upon his very friendly communication to the Press after the failure of the Paris Conference.

We agree with him that it is above all things necessary that Britain and France should continue to work together at Lautzenhausen and elsewhere, in spite of the lamentable disagreement about the mode of exacting reparations.

What, after all, is the alternative?

It is the splitting up of once friendly nations into the old series of groups; each drifting towards separate alliances.

In that new "balance of power" Italy, under her Fascist Government, would clearly unite with France. Belgium also threw in her lot with France at the abortive Conference. Meanwhile, the industrials beyond the Rhine would inevitably follow the other group. Germany, Russia, Turkey would be pitted against the West.

Where, under such conditions, would Britain stand?

She would stand *alone*—in an isolation not "splendid," in view of our present position.

And America?

Yesterday came the rumour of a new proposed Conference to be held almost immediately in Washington.

Frankly, we think that the old plan of veiling fundamental disagreements by holding quarrelsome Conferences is played out. The French would not welcome American intervention in matters arising out of the Treaty of Versailles which America refused to ratify. Therefore in time America would withdraw into her shell.

Does this briefly sketched possibility of the new alignment of European forces appeal to those who fought the war for so very different a result?

## NO REPRIEVE.

THE Home Secretary has refused a reprieve to the two condemned parties in the Ilford Case.

We do not see how he could have come to any other decision.

The jury did not add any recommendation to mercy to their verdict after the trial. The Appeal Court confirmed that verdict, and the Judges (in both cases) commented severely on the cruel and cowardly nature of the crime.

Obviously there were no legal grounds here for going back upon a decision reached after a very careful consideration of all the facts.

That being so, we feel it our duty to protest against the totally irrelevant protests and petitions too commonly arranged by vaguely sympathetic persons after "sensational" cases of this kind.

Nothing could well be more unconsciously cruel than to buoy up the hopes of the guilty and of their relatives by encouraging the idea that favourable decisions can be wrested emotionally from a Law Officer of the Crown by a public outcry against a legal decision.

Naturally those who agree with that decision do not join in this outcry. It is a one-sided affair. And it is prompted by people who seem to imagine that we have given up Trial by Jury in this country, in favour of Trial by Emotion—the emotions of those who happen, quite arbitrarily, to be excited by the personalities involved.

If the conscience of the community has definitely turned against capital punishment—that is another matter. Parliament, not petitions, must then intervene for its abolition.

W. M.

## THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

### Real Fairies—A Woman's Sense of Humour—Dog Licences—Fortune-Telling—The School Report.

#### ACTING AND WRITING.

SURELY it was always absurd to pretend that writing was a form of humour.

For one thing, let us remember that for several centuries women have been amongst the best of comic actresses.

If they have not written so many comic books as men have, that is because writing is a comparatively late development in feminine history.

R. K. L.

#### FORTUNE TELLING.

WE do not usually go to fortune tellers because we really believe in them. We go because we like to be told that we are stimulated. We only half-believe in what we are told.

When in the waiting-room of a fortune teller's house some weeks ago, I heard a party of people discussing what they had been told by the fortune teller, and all seemed to be highly amused. They confessed that they had only come for the

#### THE GOOD REPORT.

ANYONE would imagine from the letters of school reports that all school reports are bad. But think of the tremendous joy when a good one arrives! School reports usually lean towards the merciful, and the majority of masters would, I feel sure, rather become accessory to a good paternal "tiff" than to a "pi-jaw" in the good.

Reports are worth having for the sake of the occasional good one. I had a good one once, so I know.

S. W. T.

#### AND THE BAD!

I HAVE seen a good deal of correspondence about school reports, and it reminds me of my own schooldays (alas! I am now forty-six), and I wonder if any boy received a worse one than the following:—

"The examination held recently was moderately easy, and consequently his marks ob-

#### THE WELL-DRESSED MODERN SCHOOLBOY.

##### THE FAULT OF TOMMY'S FATHER WHEN HE WAS A BOY



##### TOMMY'S FAULT



Too well-dressed, according to his parents. Yet his father was always being accused of untidiness!

fun of the thing. All went off in a jolly mood to dine at a restaurant.

It was just a pleasant way—to them—of spending an hour or so.

Personally I think it is just a sheer waste of time. Fortune telling especially appeals to all highly-strung people.

#### EXPLANATION.

"FAIRIES are charming creations of fiction and I like little children to read about them," writes "A Catholic."

If indeed they were only fictitious, how is it that all babies believe in them, and when quite young seem to know them better than the humans?

I am among those fortunate ones, who have seen them, but only once. They are more often seen than seen, like most beautiful things.

There is nothing incompatible in the belief in fairies with the great truths of religion.

Another Catholic.

#### A DOG LICENCE FUND?

I think it is time something were done to protect dogs belonging to those who are honestly unable to pay the licence.

Surely it would not injure the country to allow the tax to lapse altogether in such cases as those shown so graphically in your issue of *Monday last*.

I think the suggestion of a fund an excellent one.

A Lover of Animals.

Sparkhill, Birmingham

tained and his position in the class are all the more undesirable. His chief faults are a desire to do my own thing (all), and a carelessness and untidiness that are lamentable.

These remarks apply to all subjects."

Could any master have said more to a boy's disadvantage in so few words?

My father (who was one of the best) put this report in an envelope and addressed it to me, with not a single remark.

As a boy I felt it a good hit, and what made it hurt more was that every word was true.

W. P.

#### HARD ON FATHER.

SURELY if "A Disturbing Element" can pass "exams," with a fortnight of cramming after the rest of the term has been wasted in "playing about," the "exams" cannot be worth passing.

The house mistress who allows this is not a "real sport" at all, but morally dishonest.

I am no believer in working beyond one's strength, but we are sent to school to learn, and it is very hard on the poor father who has to pay for a term which has been worse than wasted.

AN EX-SCHOOLGIRL.

#### A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Service is our destiny. . . . Then let it be my choice, living to serve the living. . . . If I can assure myself of doing service I have my home within.

—George Meredith.

## AN AGE LIMIT FOR BUSINESS WOMEN?

### HARD CASE OF THE WORKER IN CITY OFFICES.

BY JOHN HOUSTON.

A WOMAN in a police court complained the other day that "no business wants a woman of fifty."

I know I am treading on dangerous ground when I begin to speak of a lady's age, but what is the age at which women are forced to retire from business if they do not marry?

The comparatively few years during which women have been in offices have not allowed us to answer very precisely.

There was a great influx of women into business during the war. Most of those who went into offices then were young. They have not yet reached the age for retiring.

Some people have said that the "superfluous" women can devote their time to the professions.

Those who have entered the professions of law, medicine or teaching will have a longer business life than their unfortunate sisters who sit at desks all day. But what about those thousands of "clerkesses" who go to town every morning? Will they grow old among the ledgers? Will they be forced to retire?

It was said before the war that a man was "too old at fifty"—or even forty. Women age in appearance sooner than men. If they are forced to leave one office, after they have passed the thirty mark, they will not have much chance of getting a similar situation elsewhere.

There are some women who have filled, are filling, and will continue to fill high positions in commerce.

I do not speak of those.

The recognition of their abilities has in most cases made their old age secure.

Their salary enables them to put a little by for their mature years.

I mean the female equivalent to the elderly clerks who sit at the same desk and perform the same monotonous duties day after day and year after year. They have no prospects of advancement, and just jog along until they leave their desks to see how the balance stands "on the other side."

#### THE STRAIN OF WORK.

Can the women stand the strain for as long as the men? Those women who have fallen into the rut have the disadvantage in not having a comfortable home to retire in the evening. They have either to go into a boarding-house or get a little house for themselves.

I think most of the business women prefer the latter.

They do not have a salary sufficiently large to keep a servant, and when the day's work is finished they must attend to the household duties. Household worries, in many cases, make women prematurely old. For how long can these lonely, humble "clerkesses" carry on with business and domestic worries combined?

Their wants may be few, but there are always some little things in a house that need to be attended to. Only in a very few cases will they be able to scrape together enough to keep themselves comfortably in their old age.

That is all the more reason why these plucky, hard-working women should not be unjustly superannuated on the plea that middle-aged women cannot work. They are needed in offices. Their experience is of great use to the younger members of the feminine staff.

One may well object altogether to arbitrary limits of age fixed for work in the case either of men or of women.

The individual test is the only true one.

Some men (or some women) are old at thirty—others young at sixty.

The worker's record, and his or her present capacity, are the only things that matter. And as for women, if many of them, poor things, lose their looks under the strain of commercial life, it does not follow that they also lose their brains and their integrity.

#### IN MY GARDEN.

JAN. 5—Early in February the brilliant double Turban and French ranunculus may be planted. Therefore order the tubers without delay.

Beds of these flowers produce a gorgeous effect during May and June, and the blossoms prove valuable for cutting. The colours obtainable are shades of yellow, orange, scarlet, rose, crimson and white.

Prepare a bed for the ranunculus in a sunny position; let the soil be light and rich. The tubers should be planted about five inches apart, claws downwards, and covered with two inches of mould.

E. F. T.

## FOX SITS FOR ITS PORTAIT TO A WELL-KNOWN ARTIST



Mr. Cecil Aldin, the popular artist, in his studio at Purley, near Reading, making a drawing from a tame fox belonging to Mrs. Sheffield, wife of the South Berks huntsman, who is holding the animal.



Professor Low attaching the wire to his umbrella aerial before calling his car.



The transmitting apparatus used for the call.

**NEW WIRELESS MARVEL.**—By a new wireless invention of Professor Low anyone can call his car from a distance on leaving a theatre or restaurant, for instance.

## MENTIONED IN THE NEWS



Gene Sarazen, the well-known American golfer, who has signed a two-years contract as professional to Brianza Lodge Country Club, New York, at a record salary.



Master William Martin Hill, of Malvern College, winner of the Duke of Devonshire prize awarded annually for the best essay on a British Imperial subject.



**BROKEN ROMANCE.**—Mischa Elman, the violinist, whose engagement to be married to his "ideal girl," Miss Mildred Stone (portrait inset), is reported from New York to have been terminated. The marriage had been arranged for next summer.



**FAMOUS TRAGEDIENNE AT HOME.**—Miss Sybil Thordike (Mrs. Lewis Casson) with her eldest son John, aged thirteen. John leaves home in September for the Worcester to commence training for a sailor's career. The stage has no attraction for him.



Being carried from their isolated home.

**THE THAMES IN FLOOD.**—The Thames at Chertsey is now three feet nine inches above summer level, and as Shepperton, where these pictures were taken, there are extensive floods. The water is still rising.



Fishing out his belongings from the invading waters.



Lady Barnard, who is entering a hunting party at Raby Castle for the Old Raby Hunt Ball.

The Hon. Seymour Methuen, younger daughter of Field Marshal Lord Methuen.

## TWELFTH DAY.

**Oxford Union Centenary—“Stars” and the Provinces—Notes from the Riviera.**

ALTHOUGH THE FEAST of Epiphany falls to-day it will not affect our lives in the same way that it did those of our forefathers. To them the feast was associated with eating and drinking. Epiphany cakes, Epiphany fires, Epiphany cider—these were some of the things those who went before us set store by, and even to-day many farm wives would never dream of taking the Christmas decorations down until Twelfth Day had passed.

### Tennis at Cannes.

Monte Carlo having finished its tournament, the tennis players have packed their bags for Cannes, where the Beau-Site courts have already echoed their names and withstood the strain of their play, for all who were playing in the Monte Carlo tournament are now playing at Cannes. The Beau-Site courts are the oldest, and were the first in France, I believe.

### Suzanne Plays.

Suzanne Lenglen has been playing, although it was expected she would postpone her entrance into any tournament until February. It is expected she will meet Miss Ryan in the final. Lord Rock savage, the Duke of Westminster and Lady Wavertree are all playing.

### Big Cannes Dance.

One of the biggest dances of the season takes place at the famous Cercle Nautique on Tuesday, to which all Monte Carlo and Cannes are coming. It is Mrs. Locke's dance for her daughter Sheila. Mrs. Locke has a beautiful villa on the croisette. She is the wife of the popular novelist.

### Other Members Please Copy.

Many of the new men in the House of Commons are showing a commendable concern in the affairs of their constituencies during the recess. One such is Mr. Frank Gray, the member for Oxford City, who is a sort of adviser-in-chief to voters of that city of “dreaming spires.” He has hit upon an excellent plan to help his supporters by keeping a bulky private register of those wanting employment, and he does his best to find it for them.

### Diners by Merit.

When that redoubtable body of critics, the Gallery First Nighters, give their annual dinner it is their custom to invite as guests of honour one or two theatrical folk who have earned their special approval. I hear that this year their invitation has been issued to Miss Fay Compton, Miss Athene Seyler, Mr. James Bernard Fagan and Mr. Allan Aynesworth.

### Holland House.

The Earl and Countess of Ilchester have returned to Holland House from visiting the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry at Wynyard, Stockton-on-Tees. Lord Ilchester finds Holland House rather an onerous possession, and for a long time now its frontage has been “decorated” by boards announcing that various portions of the grounds were to be sold for building purposes.

### To What Purpose?

It was proposed to put the new London University on this fine Kensington site, but that proposal seems definitely to

have been abandoned in favour either of Bloomsbury or Lambeth! Meanwhile the place where you can practise golf at any hour of the day or night occupies the space behind the familiar statue of Lord Holland, facing Kensington-road.



Lady Ilchester.

# TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

### Pytchley Hunt Ball.

The Duke of York's presence at the Pytchley Hunt ball gave a zest to the occasion this year. Usually the biggest and cheeriest parties come from Holdenby and Althorp, but of course there was no entertaining there owing to the deaths of Lord Annaly and Lord Spencer.

### Happy Families.

Young Lord Feversham is spending his holidays in Yorkshire and is out hunting several days a week, a sport which his sister, Lady Diana Duncombe, also thoroughly enjoys. There are few happier young people than the family of Duncombes and Becketts over whom Lady Marjorie Beckett presides.

### Woman Agriculturist.

Mrs. Calverley, who has just been appointed president of the Essex Agricultural Society, was before her marriage Miss Heniker, and she is very well known in the county, is an indefatigable worker and a keen rider to hounds. Her only daughter, a keen tall and fair, is married to Major Furneaux, Lady Birkenhead's brother.

### The New Quarterly.

Miss May Sinclair, who is perhaps the cleverest of all our modern women novelists, is one of the contributors to the first number of the new quarterly, “The Criterion.” The quarterly made a most successful debut, the first issue, I hear, being exhausted within a fortnight. It has been reprinted, however, and copies are therefore available. Evidently the “no-compromise-with-the-public” policy of the review has proved popular after all.

### To the Point.

The mention in this page of the fact that Mr. Joseph Holbrooke had published a volume of sayings of the critics against him reminds a correspondent of the shortest and sharpest criticism. There was a play, “A Terrible Night,” which Mr. Walkley dismissed with “Quite so.” Then there is the case of that critic who summed up his appreciation of a book in one word to the author—“Shake!”

### Sybil Thorndike in Farce.

I have already stated that Miss Sybil Thorndike is to appear in a farcical comedy. The piece, I find, is “Advertising April,” by Mr. Herbert Farjeon, who is dramatic critic of the *Sunday Pictorial*, and Mr. Horace Horsell. The theatre will be the Criterion, and there is some talk of Mr. Robert Loraine playing one of the characters. “Advertising April” is a satire on the modern Press agent. It was recently produced at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre.

### “Robin Hood” Fashion.

The “Robin Hood” film, which is, by far, Fairbanks' best picture, has started a new fashion for women. A friend writes me from St. Moritz saying that girls are wearing suede leather hats of Robin Hood design, with coloured feather. Friar Tuck, Alan a Dale, and the outlaw chief are also much in evidence at fancy dress dances.

### Women Civil Servants.

A Civil Servant tells me that in 1924 women Civil Servants will in all probability be placed on the same footing as the men as regards recruitment and prospects of promotion. Women officials have been agitating for these concessions for many years.

### Slow Coach!

A correspondent caps Mr. Herbert Mundin's joke about the “slocomotive” of the defunct S.E.R. A traveller was protesting and the guard was defending the company. “Well, sir,” he said, “I've been on this line for the last fifteen years, and—” “Where did you get in?” was the retort.

### Something New.

A new departure in printing is marked by the current issue of the “Investors' Chronicle.” It is the first newspaper ever printed on rubber latex paper. Pure rubber latex forms an integral part in the manufacture of this paper, and I must offer my congratulations to the producers of this edition

### Queen Alexandra's Gift.

Queen Alexandra's gift to her goddaughter aroused much interest, and had the place of honour amidst the other jewellery. It consisted of a lovely pendant of aquamarine and diamonds, accompanying which was a note of good wishes in the Queen's own hand.

### Where the Money Is.

The provinces, once despised by the West End star, are now proving a Tom Tiddler's ground for those actors and actresses who have found that it is becoming harder and harder to make money in theatrical London. Mr. Jack Hulbert, who took “Pot Luck” on tour, found it so remunerative that others are following his example, including Maisie Gay, who in March will “go out” in “Snap.”

### The Youngsters Too.

Even the charming young actresses who play the smaller parts in the West End revues, such as pretty Marjorie Spiers and Mary Leigh, are getting offers to go on tour. Several famous people discovered long ago that, in certain circumstances, the provinces were golden. Sir John Martin-Harvey only plays in London nowadays for “prestige,” and Fred Terry and Julia Neilson seem to belong wholly to the country.

### The Oxford Union.

An interesting centenary which it is proposed to celebrate this year is that of the foundation of the Oxford Union. The jubilee was celebrated in October, 1873, by a banquet at which the Earl of Selborne took the chair, the president of the society at that date being Mr. (afterwards Sir) R. G. C. Mowbray.

### Historic Period.

The history of the Union is being written in readiness for the occasion by Mr. H. A. Morrah, sometime editor of the “Literary Year Book.” Mr. Morrah was president of the Union at a time when the list of orators included the names of Lord Birkenhead, Lord Crawford, Sir John Simon and Mr. Hilaire Belloc.



Miss May Sinclair.



Miss Yvette Anning, the clever young actress who plays Bobo Dono in “Pot Luck” at the Kingsway Theatre.



Mr. Louis Goodrich, the actor, is secretary of the Green Room Club. He is the brother of Mr. Alan Aynesworth.

### A Famous Mansion.

Will Mme. Balsan really once again inhabit Sunderland House? That monumental Mayfair mansion, which her father, the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, built for her on her marriage to the Duke of Marlborough, was in the hands of the Government until comparatively recently, but I hear its former owner has bought it back, and already her servants are installed.

### Poetic Bathos.

Gossip about beautiful lines in prize poems may be supplemented by a word about some of the lines in unsuccessful poems which have achieved celebrity through their beautiful bathos. I specially admire this from a poem which celebrated the recovery of King Edward VII., then Prince of Wales, from his illness: “Along the electric wire the message came—‘He is not better: he is much the same.’”

### Wedding “Crush.”

There surely never was such a crowd as that at the reception after the wedding of Miss Alexandra Alston to Mr. Bertram Currie. The house in Prince's Gate was packed, and those trying to get in had a struggle with those who were already getting out! The presents were many and useful as well as ornamental.

### Popular “Polly.”

“Polly,” the sequel to “The Beggar's Opera,” is, as anticipated, proving very popular. There are queues at the box office at the Kingsway Theatre daily, and already seats have been booked as far ahead as March.

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## MYSTERY OF RETURNED BONDS



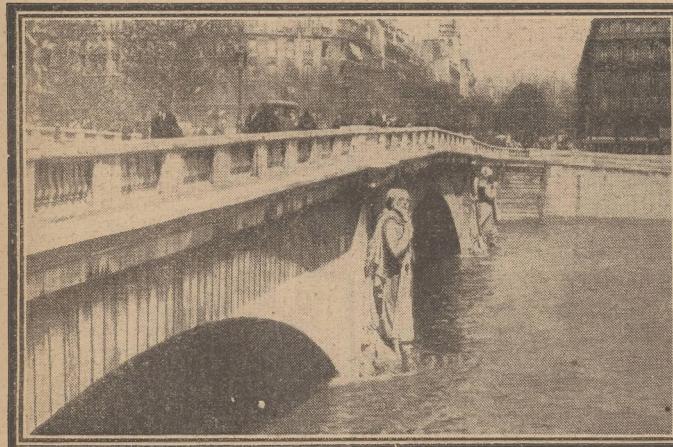
Mr. John Bell (above), of Messrs. John W. Bell and Co., the City, examining with two bank officials, £73,300 worth of bonds which were mysteriously returned to his firm after having been stolen from a mail-bag. (Daily Mirror photograph.)



WESTMINSTER TEA PARTY.—Lieutenant-Colonel Laurie, D.S.O., chief of the mounted police, looking after the youngsters at New Year's tea party to 650 children of police officers.



"TINO'S" GRANDSON.—The Crown Princess of Rumania, formerly Princess Helen of Greece, with her baby, Prince Michael. She is wearing the picturesque and becoming Rumanian national costume.



SEINE WATERS RISING.—The rising waters of the Seine at the Pont de l'Alma, Paris. It will be seen that the flood has reached the feet of the figures ornamenting the piers. River traffic is temporarily stopped.

## AT THE PLAYBOX THEATRE



In "Balk and the Big Head," at the Playbox Theatre, South Kensington, London. The King's pages assist at his toilet. The Playbox programme provides most excellent entertainment.



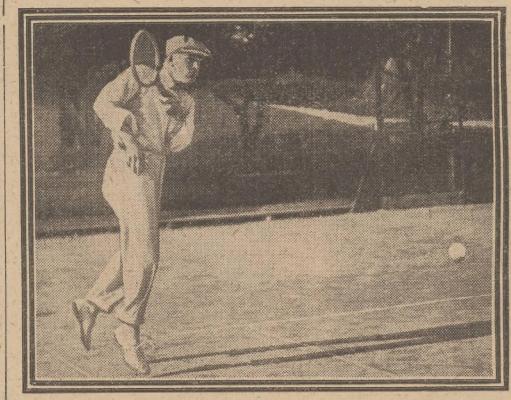
IN HOT DEBATE.—Birds in their little nests at the London Zoo do not always agree. Here are two of them engaged in what is evidently a heated argument over some domestic difference.



Second Engineer James C. Corrigan, of the liner Adriatic, awarded silver medal for gallantry in saving life at sea by the Board of Trade.



WHERE THE FLOOD HELPS.—A barge deli the flood enables it to come mi



Hon. F. M. B. Fisher playing in the tournament.



Mrs. Wild, left, and M convenient

SUNSHINE ON THE RIVIERA.—Favourite resorts on the Riviera have attracted a crowd sojourners in search of sunshine, including a considerable number of social celebrities from

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## A SCORE FOR LINCOLN



East Anglian Counties Women's Hockey Tournament. Lincoln scores the first goal in the Norfolk and Lincoln match at Cambridge. It was a most keenly contested game from start to finish.

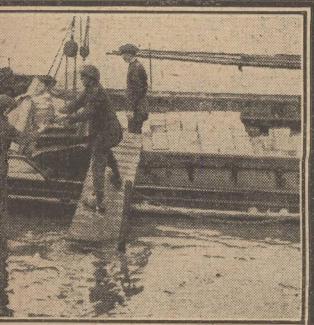


Mr. Justice Bowdatt, appointed chairman of committee which is to consider possible remodelling of income-tax forms. Sittings will soon commence.



HELD UP BY JOCK.—Mr. W. Irons, son of caretaker at Merton Cafe, Salisbury-square, with the terrier Jock, which held alleged burglars at bay while police were called.

gypt have made among leading gown is of crystals



s direct into a motor-lorry at Putney, where "inland" than ordinarily.



Reid, who adopts a unshade.



Lord Rock savage, on the left, chatting with a friend.

ish Isles. Lawn tennis is the sport most in favour, and many tournaments have been arranged. These photographs were taken during the tournament at Beau Site, Cannes.

## SPLENDID SPORT IN SNOWLAND



Four enthusiastic novices at skiing rapidly becoming efficient at Wengen. It will be seen that they have all adopted trousers as part of their costumes.



Mr. Tor Klavness, Oxford (right), and Mr. Leonard Dobbs, Cambridge, captains of ski-racing teams at Wengen.



A ski-jumper high in the air at the top of a sensational leap. It calls for high skill to maintain balance.

Winter sports are in full swing in Switzerland, and there are large contingents of British visitors at all the most popular centres under the shadow of the Alps.



HAPPY NEW YEAR PARTY.—Seated (centre) Miss Irene Vanbrugh and Sir Nevile Wilkinson, the two judges, with prizewinners, at the children's New Year fancy dress party at Claridge's Hotel yesterday for the Waifs and Strays Society.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



# PIP AND SQUEAK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1923

## THE ADVENTURES OF PIP, SQUEAK AND WILFRED

No. 65.—PETER, WITHOUT A DOG LICENCE, "WANTED" BY THE POLICE.



1. While out for a stroll yesterday the pets saw a very sad-looking dog in the distance.



2. As they thought, it turned out to be Peter, the celebrated puppy. "Wow, wow!" he howled.



3. "What is the matter, Peter?" asked Squeak. "Are you in trouble?" Peter wailed all the louder.



4. Of course, it was not long before Wilfred, seeing his friend so sad, started crying, too.



5. Just then Squeak heard somebody coming. "It's a policeman!" she cried. Peter leapt in the air.



6. Before you could count two he was flying down the road. "He's guilty!" declared Pip.



7. And then the policeman arrived. "Do you know that dog?" he asked. "Y-yes," stammered Squeak.



8. "Well, I'm looking for him," declared the constable. "His dog licence isn't paid!"



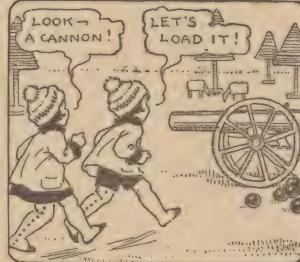
9. Poor Squeak thinks Peter may be executed! Of course, I shall see that our old friend is all right.

## BILLY AND BENDY IN TOYLAND: No. 3

The children have knocked over Mr. Noah with their toy train.



1. "How dare you run into me!" cried Mr. Noah. He looked so very angry that Billy and Bendy ran for their lives. Mr. Noah chased them.



2. Suddenly the children noticed a toy cannon, with some little cannon-balls. "Quick, let's load it!" exclaimed Billy in great excitement.

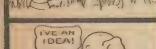


3. Presently Mr. Noah came rushing along. He meant to spank them! Billy took aim with the cannon. "Now, watch me frighten him away!" he whispered.



4. Then bang! bang! went the cannon, and the cannon-balls flew fast and thick at poor Mr. Noah. He was so frightened that he turned round and ran away!

## RAYMOND, THE LITTLE JUMBO, TEACHES



## DONKEYS' EARS.

Two each—and only three between them!

HERE is a very puzzling little problem. Now, you all know that every donkey has two ears, don't you? Every donkey I have seen has had two ears, & pretty long ones, too! Well, just glance at this picture below. The bottom donkey has two ears, hasn't he? So has the one on the right. So has the one on the left. You're sure of it, aren't you?

Now count the ears. How many are there?

Three?

Oh, absurd! How can there be only three ears when they have two each?

And yet such is the case. Very remarkable, isn't it?

I really don't know what has happened, but I should imagine that the



artist has made a mistake and forgotten to put in the other three ears.

It will be very awkward for the donkeys, because there will always have to go about together now, to prevent people noticing that they have only one ear apiece!

But, worse than that—they won't be able to walk side by side. They will have to walk with their heads in the strange position you see in the picture. So, when one donkey stoops down to nibble the grass, the second poor donkey will be standing on its head!

# Uncle Dick's Letter

Daily Mirror Office, Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923.

## MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—

Such a crowd of letters this week! You should see me sitting here, surrounded by piles of correspondence, wondering how on earth I am going to reply to you all! I sometimes wish I had a dozen pairs of hands and several heads, so that I could reply to each one of you as I should like. However, I hope to reply to all those nephews and nieces who have sent me such nice letters as soon as possible—so please forgive any delay.

"Shall I write to them, sir?" said William, our office boy, to me to-day. "I should like to have a little practice at letter-writing." What do you think? Shall I let William answer a few?

## WILLIAM AS "EDITOR."

I am afraid William's replies would not please you all, for this is how he answered one little girl's inquiry about her pet rabbit:

"Dear Flossie,—Your inquiry about rabbit duly to hand. No wonder it is ill if you give it cake to eat. So try and have some sense.—Yours truly, William."

And to a nephew who wanted to know if he had won a prize in the competition William was going to send this reply: "Dear Sir,—As you are fourteen I think your entry is very poor indeed. I could have done much better when I was ten. You ought to be ashamed of yourself!"

Luckily I stopped this letter in the nick of time. I'm afraid we shall have to wait a few years till William is a little older—and wiser.

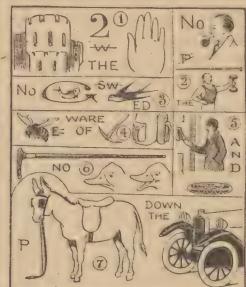
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How can you fatten up a thin goose? Drop it out of the window and it will come down plump.

## ADVENTURES OF HELPFUL HORACE: Our little parrot meets a proud peacock this week and is badly snubbed.



1. Horace had noticed the peacock's tail trailing in the dust.



2. "I'll lift it up," he said kindly. "It won't get dirty then."



3. But the proud peacock was very indignant at being helped by a parrot.

## THIS FINE SERIAL STARTS TO-DAY



By RICHARD BARNES.

## CHAPTER I.

"WELL, old chap, the time's nearly up. The train'll be off in a couple of minutes."

Charles Worlock, the world-famous explorer, leant out of the carriage window while Derek, his twelve-year-old son, stood on the platform saying the final good-bye.

Derek was a round-faced, good-looking boy with fair, curly hair and bright blue eyes that generally had a sparkle in them. But now, in place of the sparkle was a hint of tears, which, try as he would, Derek could not banish.

He had begged to be allowed to go with his father on the new expedition, but Mr. Worlock had remained firm.

"No, old chap," he had said. "Wait till you're a bit older. Your uncle's offered to look after you while I'm away, and before you know where you are you'll find I shall be home again."

That very morning Derek had been taken to the house of Uncle George. He had been anxious, however, to go to the big railway station to see his father off.

Now that the moment had arrived he almost wished that he had stayed at home.

"Oho! up, Derek!" laughed his father.

"Next time I go, perhaps you'll be able to come with me. Look out, old chap, the guard's going to blow his whistle. Good-bye, and keep a stiff upper lip!"

Mr. Worlock only just had time to grip his son's hand before the train began to move slowly out of the station. For some moments

Derek stared after it, and when at last he turned away there was a strange lump in his throat.

"What a baby I am!" he muttered. "What would dad think of me? . . . I say!"

The exclamation was drawn from him as a big, unfeeling-looking man knocked violently against him.

Derek was almost swept off his feet, and when he recovered the man had disappeared in the crowd that thronged the station.

"Well," he thought, "I suppose I must be getting back to Uncle George's." He felt in the inside pocket of his coat, where he kept his pocket-book, and then a look of bewilderment came over his face.

"Good gracious! It's gone! All my money and my railway ticket as well!"

In his amazement he quite forgot about the man who had just knocked against him. A few



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seconds convinced him how useless it would be to search in that for the missing pocket-book.

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Uncle George's house was a few miles out of London, and Derek found that the money he had would only take him about half the journey.

By the time he got off the bus it was beginning to grow dark, and it was with a heavy heart that the boy set out on his long tramp. Several times he stopped to inquire the way, for it was a district he did not know well.

## FIRE! FIRE!

At last, tired out and miserable, Derek realised that his journey was nearly over. Suddenly he noticed a figure racing down the street, waving frantically and shouting:

"Fire! Fire!"

As the man came abreast of Derek he just had time to say, "There's a fire down the street, youngster, run to Uncle George's and raise the alarm," and then he continued on his way.

By this time quite a crowd had collected. Derek had no idea where Melton-street was, but he soon found that someone else had already gone there. Quite forgetting his own troubles, he followed the crowd until they came in sight of the blaze.

The flames were growing fiercer every moment, and the thick black smoke made their way slowly skywards.

Within a few minutes the first fire brigade appeared on the scene, and it was quickly followed by two others. It was quite evident, however, that the building could not be saved.

Derek at last managed to make his way to the front of the crowd, where he could see everything that was happening. Suddenly a bright light flashed out from one of the windows, illuminating the whole building.

Derek drew back with a cry of terror.

"Good gracious!" he shouted in horror.

"It's Uncle George's house!"

(Tell all your friends about this splendid new serial. It will grow more and more exciting every week. Look out for next Saturday's instalment.)

## NOEL AND CUTHBERT FIND A FINE NEW



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SHRINE.

WHY IT'S ONE OF RAYMOND'S TRICKS.

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# THE WAY OF SACRIFICE

By E. ALMAZ STOUT



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## SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS

MRS. WOOD, an invalid not likely to live much longer, is very anxious for her daughter Primrose to marry Sir Stanley Bircham, the Squire of Whitemoor.

To her delight the two become very fond of each other, so that the announcement of their engagement is expected daily. But Helen Dale, a wonderfully attractive girl, appears on the scene. Mrs. Wood's dismay sweeps Sir Stanley right off his feet. Mrs. Wood discovers that Sir Stanley is in love—temporarily, at any rate—with Helen, and for her daughter's sake she determines to make Helen give up her love for Sir Stanley.

She begins her to do this, but the girl refuses. Then Mrs. Wood tells her an amazing story of how Primrose's father went to goal for theft to save Garth Dale, her mother's brother. The latter had been too cowardly to admit his guilt.

At first Helen refuses to believe the story, but Mrs. Wood has convincing proof of it in the form of a letter. At last the elder woman steals her secret, and Helen decides again to "Primrose's" she says.

"Give her back her lover, and not a word of what I have told you shall ever pass my lips again. If you don't, all the world shall know your father for the thief he was."

Helen decides, after a big struggle, to sacrifice her happiness in order to save her father from disgrace. She writes a letter to Sir Stanley which gives the impression that she has never really cared for him.

Mrs. Wood, who had not before seen Primrose married to Sir Stanley, whose proposal was activated chiefly by sympathy.

As the time goes by Primrose begins to realize that her secret is known. Definite proof of this is forthcoming in some remarks by Helen Dale, which Primrose overhears.

Colonel Wynne, a friend of Stanley's, visits Whitemoor. On first seeing Primrose and before he knows it she is his fall desirous in love with her.

George West, who makes his living out of blackmail, knows the secret about Primrose's letter. He visits her, threatens and threatens to tell the story to Sir Stanley unless Primrose introduces him as an old friend of hers.

Primrose decides to leave Whitemoor. To her unpleasure she finds she meets West in the house of a Mrs. Tufnell, where she has taken a room.

West tries to blackmail Garth Dale and demands £5,000 as the price of his silence. Garth arranges to meet him at his office. There is a dramatic interview between the two men at the end of which West shoots the other man and leaves him for dead. West manages to get away unobserved.

## A FRIEND IN NEED.

THAT same evening Primrose stood at her bedroom window looking out, fever rioting through her veins.

Every now and again she pushed back the heavy hair from her forehead and then pressed her face against the window pane to cool its burning.

As the twilight deepened the rain left off, and a mist that rose from the teeming earth gathered slowly, like a white soft veil, gradually obliterating, first the distance, then shrouding even the houses immediately in front of her.

She put on the small black hat she had discarded and pulled on a long dark raincoat, which wrapped her from her throat to her ankles. Then she sped down the stairs and out into the street.

The cool damp air struck gratefully on her burning face and she made her way to the road that lay alongside the river.

The mist was thicker than ever, and

she could only see a few yards in front of her.

She walked until she was tired, scarcely heeding the direction she took, guided always by the parapet that separated the road from the river.

Suddenly she felt worn out, the nervous excitement that had given her fictitious strength giving out. She stopped and leaned over the parapet, gazing down into the woolly-like whiteness that hovered over the water.

By this time Primrose was nearly light-headed, and as she leaned and gazed a dazed feeling seemed to possess her brain.

Below, beneath her, was peace—oblivion.

A man walking briskly along caught a glimpse of her white, desperate face, and, startled, almost stopped.

Then he went on more slowly, and turned, making his footsteps as silent as he could.

At that moment a child's shrill, frightened voice rang out clearly.

"Mother, where are you? I can't see you. Mother! Mother!"

"I'm here, darling," came the answer quickly. "Why did you run on when I told you not to? Here, take my hand."

Directly after a weary-looking woman with a small child crept through the mist and passed on.

The words pierced Primrose's consciousness. She shivered as she leaned against the parapet, and the mists cleared from her brain as sanity returned to

her. In the revulsion of feeling she began to sob heavily and wildly.

Mother! How she wished her own mother!

As she leaned against the cold stone, trusting to the shrouding mist to hide her face from passers-by, she knew that the temptation to which she had so nearly yielded would never assail her again.

Honor filled her at the thought of what might have been but for the chance sound of a frightened child's cry and a mother's reassuring answer.

She started with a little cry as a firm but gentle hand was laid on her shoulder, and turned to find herself gazing into the questioning eyes of a man whose plain strong face was furrowed with lines of weariness.

"You are in trouble," he said in a deep voice that matched his great, loosely-built frame. "I'm gazing into the river on a night like this won't help you. Take my advice and come away."

Primrose tried to smile through her tears, but the earth seemed rocking beneath her feet and the man's face had a curious trick of advancing and receding. "I know what you must think. But I'm not—going—to—I couldn't—I promise."

The next moment she was caught in his arms as she lurched forward unconscious.

A policeman strolled up and took in the situation at a glance.

"This a case for me, sir? Shall I get an ambulance?"

"No, thank you, constable." Dr. Ralph Treloar and Constable Barnes knew each other well. "I think it's best if she's allowed to faint from exhaustion. Get that taxi and I'll take her home. She'll be all right directly, I expect."

The policeman called the taxi, and Primrose was lifted in.

Dr. Treloar gave an address only a very short distance off, and within a few minutes Primrose was lying on the leather couch of his comfortable consulting-room.

Presently she opened her eyes and struggled to sit upright.

Dr. Treloar pressed her back. "That's better," he said with a smile. "but lie still for a little. Drink this, and then my housekeeper will bring you in a cup of beef-tea. That'll do you more good than anything."

After she had drunk the beef-tea, which was brought in by a middle-aged woman with a kindly face and eyes that held well-nigh a worshipping look when they sought the face of her master, Dr. Treloar said quietly:

"Do you care to tell me anything about your trouble? Shall I send for a taxi to take you home?"

"Home?" Primrose repeated stupidly. "I have nowhere to go. I—can't sleep again where I was. I must find somewhere else." She struggled to sit up, but turned deadly faint again and fell back against the cushions.

The doctor's face became grave. It was obvious his guest was not fit to move.

"Would you care to stay here to-night?" he asked. "He's got a room here, and his work to help lame dogs over stiles and out of ditches! My housekeeper will take the greatest care of you. You would be quite safe."

"Oh if I might!" Primrose whispered.

Doctor Treloar rang the bell and asked the housekeeper to light the gas fire in the guest-room, which was always kept in readiness for a stray visitor.

Mrs. Marston was soon helping Primrose into bed and, as the latter crept gratefully between the lavender-scented sheets, she said:

"I'll fetch the doctor now, ma'am."

"He is always good to people like this!"

A proud smile irradiated the lined face.

"I'll work my fingers to the bone for him. There are dozens as think of him as I do."

The following morning Primrose was much better, and the fever lower, but Doctor Treloar refused to allow her to leave the house till the next day.

When he saw her by daylight he was surprised to discover how young and girlish she looked.

"Why, you are little more than a child," he said, with the smile that transfigured his face. "How old are you?"

"Nearly twenty-one, and I feel fifty."

"Wait till you are fifty! You'll feel like twenty-one. Now, you know, you are far too young to be by yourself, especially when you are ill and unhappy. Be a sensible girl and ask some friend to come and see you to-day. Have you no one you can send for?"

His eyes dwelt significantly on her wedding ring.

## "I SHAN'T FIGHT FOR HIM."

PRIMROSE's face flushed painfully. "I owe it to you to tell you my real name. My husband is Sir Stanley Bircham. For—

research which seemed to me sufficient, I wanted to fight away myself for a time. I had a lot of things to think about."

"Well; well; I have no means of knowing your concerns, but it has to be something very drastic which justifies a young wife in going away from her husband. But now you are not well—wouldn't you like me to send a wire to him?"

"No! No!" Primrose's face flushed hotly. "No, I couldn't see him now. Remember I trusted you when I told you my name."

"I remember that. But if you won't see your husband, there must be someone else."

Primrose was silent. She began to feel things were too difficult for her. She did need some one's help very badly.

Her thoughts flew to Dick Wynne. He had begged her to let him help her if ever he could trust him as a friend. She could trust him.

"Yes," she said at last, "there is someone. If he is in London I know he would come."

"That's good. If he can be reached by telephone, let me ring him up."

Primrose gave him Colonel Wynne's address and telephone number and within half an hour

Dick, breathless with the haste he had made, was being shown into the doctor's shabby dining-room, where Primrose was lying on the sofa.

The doctor had seen him first and had told him briefly how it happened that Primrose was at his house and how urgently he had advised him to send for some friend whom she could trust. The soldier's face whitened under its tan.

"Thank heaven you found her!" he said.

"She hinted to me there was some trouble between herself and her husband. I have heard of Sir Stanley Bircham and have heard nothing but good. I was with the 2nd battalion of his regiment in France, though I never met him. He was badly injured, wasn't he, by a mine exploding, which caused a heap of casualties in his battalion?"

"Yes. He was knocked out in the autumn of '17. He was pretty badly hurt about the head. The doctor said if he hadn't had a very thick skull it would have been all up with him."

"I remember hearing something about it. Now I've taken a fancy to Sir Stanley Bircham. She is better today, but very weak."

When Dick saw her white face and the great circles under her eyes he felt a white heat of anger against Stanley. He took her hands in his and, as they clasped hers, his own trembled.

"Primrose! Primrose!" he said hoarsely. "How could you make me so unhappy? I have been so miserable since I knew you had run away and did not tell me where to find you."

"I am sorry," she answered, with lips that suddenly quivered. "I begin to think I have been very wrong, very selfish. But I had to get away; I couldn't stay."

"Why not?" He still held her hands very tightly. "Now I've come, Primrose, I want you to trust me just as if I were a brother. Will you tell me everything and see if I can't help you? That is why I asked you to come," she said.

He listened in silence while she told him everything from the moment she knew of Helen's and Stanley's love for each other down to the previous evening.

He listened in silence, and then he said:

"Oh, Primrose, how foolish you have been from the beginning! Instead of leaving Stanley you could have stayed with him. You are his wife. Go back to him, and if—if you think he loves someone else, then fight to win what belongs to you."

Primrose's eyes glowed like coals in her white face.

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Chelsea's Quest of Points at Liverpool.

SAINTS AT FULHAM.

New Zealand's Fine Start in Second Cricket Test.

Seasonable weather favoured the Hurst Park meeting yesterday, but Northern racegoers who attended at Haydock Park were not so fortunate. Favoured did well at the Southern meeting, but only one scored at Haydock. Features of the day were:—

Racing.—Double up won the New Year Hurdle Handicap at Hurst Park, where A. Escott rode two winners. At Haydock, Bullock saddled two winners, Waterford Glass II, and Regiles.

Cricket.—New Zealand made a good start to the second Test match with England at Christchurch, and scored 313 for seven wickets before play closed. Collins was top-scorer with a brilliant 102.

## WATCH THE ARSENAL

Will Turnbull Lead the Gunners to Another Big Success?

Chelsea and Champions.—Chelsea will oppose the champions at Liverpool with the team that performed so well at Stamford Bridge a week ago. The team will consist of the same eleven on a ground where Newcastle alone have been victorious. The home team, who are to go to spend next week resting by the seaside, have this week been taking brine baths at Northwich. They may make a change in their half-back line for to-day's match.

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Sapsford's Successor.—Preston, who entertain Aston Villa, have elected to put Woodhouse in place of the injured Sapsford, whose football appears to be ended for the season. Hartington returns at right-half. Hartington continues at centre-half. Preston are out in incide at home, but the Villa have only once won away, and that was at Oldham.

## ARSENAL AT STOKE.

The Rejuvenated Arsenal.—Will the improved Arsenal sustain their form at Stoke? West Bromwich, Albion, Sunderland and Chelsea are far the only teams to overcome the Potters at Stoke, but considering how the Arsenal deprived Blackburn Rovers of their season's ground record on Monday it is quite on the cards that further humiliation may be in store for the whippers-in on the League table. A season has been created in the Potties by the suspension of Scott (goalkeeper) and Kasher (centre-half) by the Stoke directorate. It is stated that the drastic action has followed a breach of club rules.

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The Rising Oldham.—Will Oldham gain a couple of much-needed points to-day? Last week they ran Manchester City to the odd goal of five, and the Manchester are fifth from the top. It is difficult to say who will take the relegation quarter. The City have succeeded in taking both points only once while on enemy territory, and just now there is a revival in Oldham stock and if the City should be beaten there need be no surprise. Manchester City make one change—Allen comes in place of Mulligan.

## SUNDERLAND'S CHANCE.

Sunderland's Bright Prospect.—West Bromwich Albion may repeat last season's narrow success at the expense of Blackburn Rovers, and Sunderland ought to be one of the away from home teams to win. They are on view at Birmingham, where Manchester City, Chelsea and Middlesbrough have already passed away. After the narrow escape they had against Cardiff last week Bolton Wanderers are making a couple of changes for their game in the Welsh centre, Rowley displacing Finney and Jennings is brought back to the intermediate line. Newnes, a young Welshman, will be at centre-half. Cardiff should win this match.

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Cupholders at Home.—Huddersfield Town should not have a difficult task in disposing of Everton, who will be without Hartley for the first time this season. Mercer may possibly be out for Sheffield United against Burnley, but there will be no other change in the Cutlers' team.

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An Interesting Experiment.—Newcastle are experimenting with Woods at centre-forward for the match with Nottingham Forest. McCracken is fit again and will resume. The Forest will go to Tyneside from Blackpool, where they are established for Cup-tie special training.



The Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe, who bowled well for England in New Zealand.



McCracken, who returns to the Newcastle team to meet Nottingham Forest.

## SECOND LEAGUE GAMES.

Attractive Matches at Craven Cottage, Nottingham and Leicester.

Saints at Fulham.—A match that will be fought at short notice is that at Craven Cottage between Fulham and Southampton. The two clubs have very similar records, and a draw is not unlikely. The only doubt about the teams is whether Osborn or Smith shall lead the home attack. Bradford City will be the third team to meet them will not be finally chosen until it is known whether Whitworth and Hand may come into the side. Clapton Orient make one change, Gilliat for Smith, and the return with Rotherham. If Biles and Williams do as well as last Saturday the Orient may get a point.

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Wednesday's Doubts.—Leeds United may be expected to defeat Port Vale. Blackpool, who are in the top division, are making the West Ham team pay with one change from last Saturday. Jones taking the place of Ward. Barnes are bringing West Ham back as leader of their attack at Leicester, and Fletcher will be brought back at right-half. In view of their success last week Leicester should win.

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Rams Unchanged.—County make no change in their team to visit Nottingham, and although the Rams have been beaten twice this year will hardly prevent the Londoners from winning. Will pallor Peter Quinn bring his capture from Preston, at Stockport, and this seems to be one of the matches in which the success of visiting eleven may be expected. West Ham ought to experience no small amount of trouble in overcoming County. The City make one alteration, putting in Davison in place of Mercer at outside right. West Ham will be at full strength.

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## COLLINS' CENTURY.

New Zealand's Good Start to Second Test Match.

New Zealand made a good start to their second Test match with England at Christchurch yesterday, when, batting first, they remained at the wickets all day and scored 313 for seven.

Collins played a brilliant century, which included sixteen fours. He was at the wicket just under two hours and a quarter and did not give a chance, says Reuter. Shepherd and Dacre also batted well and put on runs in the three-quarters of an hour when with England. New Zealand were without A. C. MacLaren, who has injured his knee, fielded well, and Calthorpe took four wickets.

NEW ZEALAND.—First Innings.  
Collins and Bradburn 102  
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STOLEN £75,000 BONDS  
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Missing Rumanian Securities  
Sent Through Post.

THIEVES CHECKMATED.

Rumanian bonds worth £75,300, stolen in transit from the Banque Belge, Antwerp, and the Anglo-South American Bank, Old Broad-street, London, last October, have been returned to the assessors.

The bonds were sent to the assessors, Messrs. John W. Bell and Company, Queen Victoria-street, in two packages. One was an ordinary envelope, bearing the Leyton postmark, and contained bonds worth £22,000, while the other, a parcel, posted and registered at Borough High-street, enclosed bonds to the value of £73,300.

In the larger package were also found some six or seven other bonds and warrants of script. The assessors, who held these latter, do not know to whom they belong.

The bonds comprising the £75,300, with which Messrs. Bell are concerned, were Rumanian securities varying in value from £5,000 downwards.

Scotland Yard holds £10,000 of Rumanian bonds, part of the proceeds of the same robbery. These were recovered as a result of a recent case, in which the accused man was acquitted of the theft of the securities, he having explained that he found them in a public place.

The robbery took place on October 11 last, when a mail bag was stolen. English insurance companies stood to pay out £40,000.

The police came to the conclusion that the theft took place somewhere between the landing-stage at the Parkstone Quay and the arrival at Liverpool.

The recovery of the bonds is a triumph for the assessors' private investigation agents. Messrs. Bell have branches in many parts of the Continent, and were able to trace the bonds from place to place, until the thieves, unable to dispose of them, sent them back.

OVER 30,000 ENTRIES.

Last Nine Days for Competitors in  
Table Tennis Contest.

Within nine days entries for The Daily Mirror Table Tennis Championships will close, and one of the finest sporting contests ever organised by a newspaper will begin all over the United Kingdom.

Local organisers should now forward at once all completed entry forms in their possession, so that the closing date for the preliminary rounds can be made without delay.

Over 30,000 forms have already been applied for, and the demand increases daily. There is no entry fee, and the prizes consist of Calthorpe motor-cars, motor-cycles and valuable cups and medals.

It is hoped to hold the finals in a large central hall in London about the middle of March, and it may safely be predicted that the event will receive the biggest attention in town. A wonderful programme of events is in course of preparation, and the attendance of many distinguished personages is assured.

All who intend to compete must write to-day for an entry form, which will be sent on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope. Letters should be addressed to: "The Editor, Daily Mirror, Table Tennis Championships, 23-29 Bouverie-street, E.C. 4."

PHARAOH'S THRONE.

LUXOR, Friday. The only objects taken from the tomb to-day were the magnificent throne of Tut-ankh Amen and the stool belonging to it.

The event attracted a great crowd to the Valley of Kings, and the spectators were astounded at the beauty they saw.—Exchange.



Viscount Doneraile handing gold medals to members of the British team, which won the international roller-skating relay race at Holland Park Rink last night.

ARSENIC IN COCOA.

5,250 Cups Needed to Make  
a Fatal Dose.

SUMMONS WITHDRAWN.

That a person would have to take 5,250 cups of cocoa to get a fatal dose of arsenic was stated at Guildford yesterday, when the Nestle's and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company, were summoned for selling cocoa adulterated with arsenic to the extent of one-fiftieth of a grain per pound.

Mr. Lane, prosecuting, said the cocoa was sold at Witley. The analyst certified that the cocoa in question contained arsenic to the extent of one-fiftieth of a grain per lb. packet, only one-hundredth being allowed.

It transpired on inquiry that the cocoa in question was manufactured by the Hayes Cocoa Company, Ltd., and was sold under a warranty. The Hayes Company had caused most careful inquiries to be made, and found the arsenic was attributable to carbonate of potash used in solubilising the cocoa.

All the cocoa in the batch had been withdrawn by the Nestle Company. In the circumstances, said Mr. Lane, he would consent to the summons being withdrawn. The retailer was orally guilty.

To this course the Bench consented.

Mr. Oliver, for the defendants, said the firm was morally as guilty as the retailer.

RECKLESS CAR SPEED.

Taxi Smashed and Four People Hurt  
—Lord Campden's Driver Fined.

Lord Campden was involved in a serious St. John's Wood motor collision, which was investigated at Marylebone yesterday, when James Leo Gruber, his chauffeur, was fined £10 and five guineas costs and debarred from driving for six months.

It was stated by Mr. Mussett (for the police) that Gruber drove a 25-h.p. Mercedes car, in which Lord Campden was travelling at "a terrible and awful" speed, and crashed into a taxi.

The taxi was twisted completely round and thrown twenty or twenty-five feet.

Miss Stycie was knocked down and pinned underneath the taxi, whose passengers, Mr. W. J. Phillips and Miss Stacey, and the driver were injured.

BIG COCAINE HAUL.

Five Ounces of Crude Drug Said To  
Have Been Found on Man.

That he had five ounces of crude cocaine in his possession when arrested was alleged against Cyril Goodge of Coventry, remanded at Stoke-on-Trent yesterday on a charge of supplying the drug to Chung Chu, a Chinaman.

The Chief Constable said he believed that Goodge was a British subject of German extraction, well known on the Continent.

When arrested, it was stated, Goodge said: "I have not been trafficking in cocaine. I sent a lot to Chung Chu, but I never was paid for it. I got it from Ostend, but I don't know whom I got it from."

THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

By Our City Editor.

MARKETS generally have been very firm to-day under the influence of the opening of the London market down to 1000, but as close as 1007-10. Foreign bonds constituted the only weak spot. French issues being offered. Other markets, such as Kaffirs, affected by Paris, were on the downside.

INDUSTRIAL were quiet. Textiles eased in places: Courtards 62s. Coal 65s. 6d. Almeling 15s. 4d. Hartshorn 25s. 6d. 26s. 6d. 27s. 6d. In India, Malaysians were strong, 24s. Rubber Trusts 23s. 6d. after 23s. 1d. Tambaras 19-16.

INDIA were Cams, which touched 29-16 bid, closing 28, and Frises which attained 18s. 9d. on good December return. Resedzes were favoured 3-7-16. Ghee 9d. 9d. Buttercreeds 11s. 6d. Hand shares generally the turn easier.

In Oils, Eagles were rather offered at close at 40s. Sheep 5-16. V.O.C. reacted to 24s. 9d. Anglo-Persians firm 4s.

Profitable  
Pleasure.

THESE two words very aptly describe the Nupines competition. Pleasure itself is not difficult to obtain; but pleasure with a possible cash reward is quite another matter. We have but to add that the Nupines competition does not specialise either for children or for adults, and you will realise that here is something in competitions "out of the rut."

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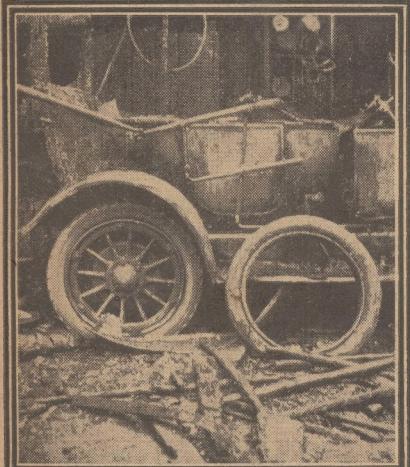
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## SEVEN MOTOR-CARS BURNED



Wreck of a motor-car at the Grange Garage, Walthamstow, where a fire has resulted in the destruction of seven cars. The building was much damaged, the roof falling in.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



Miss Lilian Davies (left) as Polly and Miss Winifred Hare as Mrs. Ducat, at the Kingsway.

## NEWS PORTRAITS

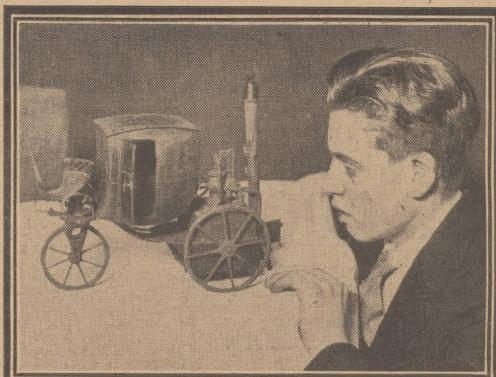


Lieutenant Thoret, the French aviator, who glided in an aeroplane with engine shut off for seven hours in Algeria.



Miss Kate Irene Gray, daughter of Sir William Gray, of Thorpe Perrow, Yorkshire, is to wed Captain A. C. Waddy.

## AN EARLY IDEA OF A TAXI-CAB



This model of a steam-cab, designed in 1883 for use in London, is shown at the Model Engineer Exhibition at the Horticultural Hall. The cab never appeared on the streets.



BEAUTY IN SATIN.—This original hat of brown satin is trimmed with gros-grain ribbon carried into a curious peak on the front of the brim, and is worn with a pretty cloth costume.



IN TRAIN COLLISION.—Miss McMillan (right), of Romford, who suffered a scalp wound in the train collision between Ilford and Seven Kings. Twenty persons suffer from slight shock and injury.



MISS COLLIER ILL.—Miss Constance Collier, the celebrated actress, who is ill in Switzerland and has been in failing health for some time. Dame Clara Butt, an old friend, has been summoned to her.



**"POLLY'S" PIRATES.**—Mr. Pitt Chatham as Morano, the pirate chief (formerly Macbeth, the highwayman), subdues his mutinous crew with a great show of resolution and a pistol—another scene from "Polly."—(Daily Mirror photographs.)



**CLOTHES FOR HOSPITALS.**—Disabled ex-Service men at the South and Central Hackney Branch of the British Legion, which has lent the money to start their tailoring business, making clothes.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)